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FOREST COVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are monitoring the trend of reach of the forest cover in the country;

(b) if so, the extent to which the forest cover has stabilised during the last three years;

(c) the names of States which are showing the greatest stability in the trend of forest cover;

(d) whether such information is being widely disseminated to make people more conscious in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir. Forest Survey of India assesses the forest cover of the country biennially using satellite data since 1987.

(b) & (c) As per Seventh assessment done by Forest Survey of India,forest cover of the country has increased by 3,896 sq.km in the period 1995 to 1997. During this period, States of Arunachal pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Delhi have shown increase in forest cover.

(d)& (e) Yes, Sir. Forest Survey of India biennially publishes State of Forest Report. Latest published Report is also made available on the Web-site of the Ministry.